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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower. Trade sentiment was steady to weak, mostly barely steady to weak. Demand was slow to fair with adverse weather conditions in the Northeast affecting movement and normal trading; however, in parts of the midwest, food service interest was better due to weekend sporting events. Supplies were at least sufficient. In the parts structure, trading was best for bone-in breasts with supplies tightening. Other breast items were mixed with supplies mostly adequate. Wings were irregular, but mostly increasing in availability with interest subsided. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 1/17-01/22/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Bos/New Eng	43.00-44.00	43.78	18	50.20	32
Chicago	41.00-44.00	44.07	47	47.01	79
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	58.20	37
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	56.36	14
Denver	62.50	62.43	17	61.28	35
Detroit	42.00-45.00	47.28	10	49.13	35
Los Angeles	63.00	61.88	60	59.02	154
New York	37.00-44.00	45.00	38	52.33	87
Philadelphia	39.00-43.00	40.27	11	44.80	28
Pittsburgh	41.00-49.50	40.86	14	51.24	66
St. Louis	43.75	43.47	16	47.53	40
San Francisco	63.50	62.81	29	63.21	85

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	01/18/00	Change/Last Wk	01/11/00	01/19/99
692	53.73	-2.78	56.51	59.26

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
East	47.00-48.50	49.25	42
Central	47.00-53.00	50.72	55
West	43.00-65.25	55.96	50

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	56.00-58.00	56.62	80
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,112	41.00-60.75	56.79

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	130.00	4,036
BREASTS - WHOLE	65.00	1,976
THIGH MEAT - B/S	72.50	612
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	7,606
WINGS	79.00	2,894

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers continued quiet as the week began, however some problems began to surface due to weather conditions in the Northeast. Offerings generally adequate to fully adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair at best with some scattered features attempting to increase buyer interest. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts were tight, boneless skinless breasts were mixed, and the balance was about adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was light and unaggressive with limited trading. Supplies were at least sufficient to handle current needs. In the parts structure, breast items were mostly adequate to close balanced with bone in breasts in the best position. Wings were adequate but building with movement slowed. Dark meat items were usually sufficient with fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Majority prices were 1 cent lower than last week. The market tone was weak with trade sentiment about steady. Offerings were readily available to cover current needs. Demand by stores was fairly good to cover features planned later in the week otherwise only fair, demand by restaurants moderate to fairly good best by fast food. The tone was fully steady on breasts, barely steady on wings and generally steady on balance of parts. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 43.90 down 4.28 from last reported level with the volume reported at 25 loads down 4 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for this week's trading were lower into all areas with Ohio reporting TFEWR from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment steady to barely steady, instances weak. Offerings were fully adequate or available for the limited trade needs. Retail and food service demand was spotty, slow to fairly good. Food service demand into the St. Louis area was above normal due to weekend sporting events. Floor stocks were at least fully adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading was improving overall with wings and breast items most active. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on breast items, about steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was irregular as harsh frigid weather conditions in production and shipping channels combined with post holiday activity to disrupt normal trading. Offerings varied from plant to plant but were at least adequate. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights desirable. Processing schedules were being disrupted and were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 44 to 56 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Inquiry for whole breasts was active and boneless skinless breasts cleared well.

ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 01/15/2000 WAS 12,475,424 @ 5.22.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	41-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	48.57
NO. OF BOXES	12,424

*6 of 9 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was usually moderate following the weekend. Offerings of bone-in breasts continued to tighten and buyers in need were paying premiums. Boneless, skinless breasts were mixed. The balance of items was usually adequate. Some bird loss due to extremely cold weather in the Northeast has been reported and most dealers anticipated the market tightening on all products. Retail and distributive movement was generally fair. The market tone was very firm on bone-in breasts and about steady on the balance.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	H	133.45	180,210
TENDERLOINS		115.31	61,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	O	60.22	210,680
BREAST - LINE RUN		62.00	72,000
LEGS	L	30.65	104,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		18.41	175,723
DRUMSTICKS	I	31.93	60,790
THIGHS		25.24	113,920
B/S THIGHS	D	75.88	22,240
WINGS (WHOLE)		80.86	136,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	A	12.02	60,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		34.46	42,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	Y	59.52	65,160

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	641	110.00-168.00	110-117	120.28
TENDERLOINS	208	110.00-177.00	-	128.93
BREAST - WITH RIBS	560	57.00-62.00	57	57.79
FRONT HALVES	440	43.00-56.00	45-47	45.73
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	247	17.00-19.00	17	17.03
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,698	17.75-19.00	17.75	17.79
WINGS (WHOLE)	214	63.00-76.00	72-75	72.92
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS		NO TRADING REPORTED		

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/17	01/13	01/13	01/10	01/06
ALA	2,256	3,773	5.03	3,768	5.10
ARK	5,193	5,528	4.92	5,096	4.87
DELMARVA	908	2,408	5.22	2,426	5.10
LA-TENN	1,746	1,881	4.37	1,863	4.39
MISS	1,024	2,673	4.88	2,412	4.98
NC	2,590	2,632	4.77	2,557	5.80
TEXAS	1,969	2,195	4.78	2,227	4.72
TOTAL	15,686	21,090	4.89	20,349	5.00
MON	15,686(A)			20,349(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Jan 2000 is estimated to be 23,468,000 down 23.15 percent from a week ago and up 9.19 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,536,000, last year 21,492,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	663	109.00-174.00	115-120	121.20
TENDERLOINS	98	102.00-180.00	110-115	127.04
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	52	27.00-34.00	-	28.62
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	382	15.25-19.00	15.5-16	15.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,020	17.50-21.00	19-20	18.81
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)	456	87.50-93.00	89-90	90.13
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	51	65.00-76.00	-	66.78

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JANUARY 18, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	31.00 - 34.00	31.92

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 01/17-01/21/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	115.00 - 135.00	120.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	54.00 - 64.00	57.00 - 60.00
LEGS	21.50 - 36.00	29.00 - 30.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 20.00	18.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	27.00 - 50.00	30.00 - 32.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	67.50 - 80.00	75.00 - 78.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 35.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-91
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	78-96
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	84-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	77-81
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	79-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	104
	ICE PACK	92-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-107
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-162

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

14-JAN-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT 15% OR LESS RANGE WTD AVERAGE	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
	20.00	-	17.00	18.00
	20.00		17.00	18.00

480,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS RANGE WTD AVERAGE	15.00-16.00		18.00-18.50		-	16.00
		15.39	18.25			

892,000 pounds, this includes 372,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%
RANGE 14.25-15.00 15.00-19.00 12.00-13.00 12.00
WTD AVERAGE 14.58 17.67 12.14 12.00
1,434,000 pounds, this includes 400,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE
RANGE - - - 12.50-12.75
WTD AVERAGE - 12.68

400,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow with schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19.5	8.5-10	10.03

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

14-JAN-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT 15% OR LESS RANGE WTD AVERAGE	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
	-	-	-	18.00
				18.00

40,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS RANGE WTD AVERAGE	15.00-16.00		18.00-18.50		-	16.00
		19.00	13.25			

285,600 pounds, this includes 204,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%
RANGE 16.00 - 10.00-13.25 12.50-15.00
WTD AVERAGE 16.00 - 11.85 13.80
4,059,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE
RANGE - - - - -
WTD AVERAGE - - - - -

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority trading was unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair but unaggressive for reduced but sufficient offerings. Processing schedules were irregular. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16.5	8-10	10.00
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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